



THE NEW AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE™

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573.6 Defect Information Report

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Vehicle manufacturer's full name:

Polaris Industries Inc., Victory Motorcycle Division

Address:

2100 Highway 55
Medina, MN 55340-9800

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Vehicles potentially containing defect:

MY05 Victory Vegas, Vegas Eightball, Kingpin, Arlen Ness Signature Series Kingpin
(aka NESS Kingpin) models

Vehicle Identification Numbers:

List of affected VINs attached.

Inclusive dates of manufacture:

Victory models assembled from 7-27-04 through 9-9-04.

Basis for recall population:

Victory has determined the cause to be a production assembly error beginning on July 27, 2004 when a new employee began training at the assembly station and ending on September 9, 2004 when Victory initiated changes to the inspection plan which included an inspection check of the hose clamp for proper assembly.

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Total number of vehicles potentially containing defect:

A total of 488 vehicles may contain this defect.

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Percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain defect:

Victory estimates less than 3% of the vehicles included in this recall may contain the defect.

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Brief Summary:

The hose clamp p/n 7080894 which secures the fuel line p/n 5411942 to the fuel rail assembly p/n 2520207 may not have been tightened and could result in a fuel leak.

Detailed description:

The 2005 Victory fuel system delivers fuel from the fuel pump to the fuel rail at 50 psi through a formed high pressure rubber hose. In assembly, the high pressure hose is attached onto a barbed fitting located on both the pump and fuel rail and secured in place at both ends with a threaded adjustable hose clamp.

Victory has recently discovered that the hose clamp which secures the high pressure fuel hose to the fuel rail may not have been tightened during assembly. An unclamped fuel hose may result in a fuel leak.

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Chronology:

In mid September Victory conducted a quality audit of one vehicle from its 2005 model year finished goods inventory and discovered a loose fuel rail hose clamp. Upon the inspection of 495 vehicles remaining in inventory, 10 additional vehicles were found to have loose hose clamps. All defective vehicles were built between the dates of August 3 and August 8, of 2004.

Victory has determined the defect was caused by an assembly error and has added additional inspection checks to ensure all hose clamps are tightened to specification. Even though no injuries or field reports related to this issue have been reported, Victory has concluded that the condition is safety related.

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Remedy program:

Victory dealers will inspect suspect vehicles for loose fuel rail hose clamps and tighten as required. All suspect vehicles are covered under warranty therefore no claimant reimbursement program will be necessary.

Estimated date on which notifications to Owners will begin:

November 1, 2004

Estimated date on which notification will be completed:

November 15, 2004

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Owner letter:

"Draft" copy of Owner letter is attached.

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Manufacturer's campaign number:

V-04-03

Signed:

Suzanne K. Peterson Date: 10-21-04

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Victory Motorcycle Division, Polaris Industries Inc.

2004-10-19 MY05 Loose Fuel Hose Clamp at Fuel Rail - 488 Affected US Vehicles

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Warning and Recall Notice 04V-

October 29, 2004

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Dear Victory Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

The Victory Motorcycle Division of Polaris Industries Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in some model year 2005 Victory Vegas™, Vegas™ 8-Ball, Kingpin™, and Ness Kingpin™ motorcycles. Our records indicate that you have purchased one of the potentially affected motorcycles.

The clamp that secures the high pressure fuel hose to the fuel rail may be loose. A loose clamp may allow fuel to leak from the fuel rail fitting, creating the potential for a fire.

Upon receipt of this recall notice, stop riding your 2005 Victory motorcycle immediately! Please call your authorized Victory motorcycle dealer to schedule an appointment to have your motorcycle repaired. Do not attempt repairs yourself. Repairs must be done only by an authorized Victory dealer.

The repair will consist of positioning the clamp and tightening it to the proper torque. Repairs will be made by an authorized Victory motorcycle dealer at no cost to you. The repair will take approximately fifteen minutes to perform, although your dealer may need your motorcycle for a longer period of time depending on their work schedule.

While your Victory dealer is in the best position to answer your questions, if you have any questions that your dealer cannot address, or if you are having difficulty obtaining the recall repair outlined in this letter, please call our Consumer Service Department at (763) 417-8660.

If you believe that the Victory Motorcycle Division of Polaris Industries Inc. has failed to remedy this defect without charge or is unable to do so within a reasonable time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington D.C. 20590 or call the toll-free safety hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

We are sorry for this inconvenience; however, in the interest of your safety, it is very important that you arrange for this repair as soon as possible.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

VICTORY MOTORCYCLE DIVISION OF POLARIS INDUSTRIES INC.

Karl Iverslie

Manager, Technical Service & Warranty

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days. If you are no longer the owner of the Victory motorcycle indicated by this letter, please contact our Consumer Service Department @ 763-417-8660 so we may update our records. Or write to us at:

Polaris Industries, Inc.
Consumer Service Department
2100 Highway 55
Medina, MN 55340-9962

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